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## UN ENVOY IN NEW MIDDLE EAST MOVE

### Jarring Visit To Cairo Stirs Hope Canal May Be Cleared

CAIRO, Dec. 28 (AFP)—The arrival here Wednesday of special UN representative Gunnar Jarring may serve to hasten UAR decision to clear part of the Suez Canal in order to free 15 ships trapped there since the Arab-Israeli war last June.

Jarring met UAR Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad shortly after his arrival, according to the Cairo newspaper Al-Ahram, which also reported that the government was considering the canal-clearance proposal.

Five of the ships blocked in the bitter lake halfway down the Suez Canal are British. Two are West German, two American, two Polish, two Swedish, one Czechoslovak and one French.

The governments of the owners of the ships and of the insurance companies losing fortunes because of the blocking of the ships have been pressuring Cairo, which so far has said only that the question was being studied but that freeing the ships appeared impossible.

However, many experts disagreed and a group of Britons submitted a plan by which the ships could be got out of the canal by way of Suez, to the south.

It was obvious that the decision was a political one and that Israeli agreement—the canal divides Israeli-occupied Sinai from the rest of UAR—was necessary.

The arrival of Jarring could have

## British Plan Calls For Action Against Japanese Car Policy

LONDON, Dec. 28 (DPA)—European automobile manufacturers should unite to ward off the steadily increasing wave of Japanese competition, according to a plan published here yesterday.

The planned company should draft and prescribe generally binding sales conditions and safety devices.

The company should later on be expanded to include the United States.

Non-member countries such as Japan, or countries whose motor industries do not feel bound by the decisions of the European Trading Company should be excluded from the member countries' markets, the plan envisages.

The Times Business News said yesterday that "over the past few years there have been several attempts by the British Motor Industry and individual firms to persuade the British government to make representations about Japanese protectionism, but their hand was always weakened by the absence of Japanese cars from the United Kingdom market."

"This no longer applies. Although the number of Honda, Toyota and Nissan cars now being sold here is still small, it represents the first trickle of an avalanche," it added.

The paper emphasised that Japan was now effectively banning British and continental (European) cars by imposing a 90 per cent tax and refusing credit facilities for the stocking and sale of foreign models.

Britain, on the other hand, subjected Japanese cars to a standard 25.2 import duty and a 27.1 per cent purchase tax.

The British Monopolies Commission made it difficult for any ac-

## USSR Ready To Cooperate With West's 'Intelsat'

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (DPA)—The Soviet Union yesterday indicated its readiness to cooperate in satellite communications with the western Intelsat consortium.

Deputy Soviet Communications Minister Konstantin Sergeichuk told the trade union organ Trud that "the regular intercontinental exchange of black and white and colour television programmes will depend on cooperation" between the joint system of the socialist countries and the Intelsat system.

The minister, quoted by Tass news agency, said the seven Soviet Molniya communications satellites orbiting since April 1965 could ensure an exchange of television programmes with almost all countries of the northern hemisphere.

A system of twenty Orbita ground stations, built in distant regions of the Soviet Union, had become operational earlier this year.

## POPE MAY TRY SOUNDING HO ON ENDING VIET WAR

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 23, (Reuters)—Pope Paul's weekend talks with President Johnson aroused speculation Wednesday that the Vatican would soon send a mission to Hanoi to sound out President Ho Chi Minh about prospects for ending the Vietnam war.

Such a mission could visit Hanoi with the initial task of investigating North Vietnam's treatment of American prisoners, Vatican observers said.

President Johnson, who flew half way round the world to see the pope last Saturday, invited the Vatican to send a mission to South Vietnam to see the treatment of North Vietnamese and Viet Cong prisoners there.

The Americans are believed to be hoping that President Ho could respond with a similar invitation to the Vatican.

An Italian press report said the pope had asked President Johnson to stop bombing North Vietnam and prolong the Christmas truce until the Vietnamese new year to clear the atmosphere for peace talks.

President Johnson is said to have demurred because of the military advantage these measures would give to North Vietnam.

A Vatican spokesman described the press report as mere conjecture. The official communiqué after the meeting said the pope had put to the president several requests and suggestions and President Johnson had outlined his views.

The Americans have shown concern over the treatment of U.S. prisoners held by the North Vietnamese. They claim that some prisoners, in photographs filtering out of Hanoi, look like brain-washed zombies.

The pope, before conferring

## Academy Graduates New Officers

KABUL, Dec. 28 (Bakhtar)—HRH Marshal Shah Wali Khan Ghazi distributed diplomas to graduates of the Military Academy and the Military Technical College yesterday morning.

Prime Minister Noor Ahmad Etmani, Sen. Abdul Hadi Dawi, president of the Meshroo Jirga, Gen. Khan Mohammad, Minister of National Defence, generals of the Royal Army, and teachers were present.

Marshal Shah Wali Khan prayed for the success of the new graduates in strengthening the Royal army and assisting in preserving the independence of the nation. He hoped the new graduates would serve the army and His Majesty successfully.

Earlier Lt. Gen. Abdul Razaq Maiwand, commander of the Military Academy, described the history of the academy and its new courses.

## Sihanouk Says He'll Seek Communist Help If Invaded

PHNOM PENH, Dec. 28, (AFP)—Prince Norodom Sihanouk warned yesterday that he would ask communist nations to send volunteers to fight under Cambodian

command if his own troops could not push back any forces invading the country in a "hot pursuit" policy.

The head of state said he would request volunteers from "certain friendly countries", naming China, North Korea and Cuba.

Speaking to the national congress Sihanouk referred specifically to reports that the United States was considering allowing South Vietnamese troops to pursue North Vietnamese into alleged sanctuaries on Cambodian border territory.

People's China has offered to send volunteer fighters into Vietnam should Hanoi request them, but President Ho Chi Minh has thus far apparently declined.

It was noted that Prince Sihanouk insisted that any volunteers would have to be under Cambodian command, and he said they would be requested only if his own troops failed to handle the situation.

The South Vietnamese National Liberation Front will help in case that country is attacked by the United States, the North Vietnamese news agency said yesterday quoting a statement issued by the front's central committee.

The statement accused the U.S. of trying to blockade the Port of Sihanoukville "with a view to paralysing Cambodia's economic activities and hampering free navigation in international waters."

It recalled the front's decision to recognise Cambodia's present frontiers, but charged the U.S. was preparing to intensify the Vietnam war to engulf the whole of Indochina and all of South-east Asia.

U.S. claims to the effect that Viet Cong troops were seeking refuge in Cambodia were intended to disguise U.S. "encroachment" upon Cambodian territory, to trample under foot the country's sovereignty and erase its borders, the statement said.

## U.S. Army "Pot" Problem Called Very Serious

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (DPA)—Three quarters of American soldiers in Vietnam smoke marijuana cigarettes to help them bear the horrors of war, John Steinbeck Junior, son of the Nobel prize-winning author, said here Wednesday.

Steinbeck Junior, back from a year's service in Vietnam, said that the drug did not seriously interfere with a soldier's combat ability. He believed that marijuana smoking was prevalent even among officers.

The U.S. army is examining the marijuana problem. A Defence Department spokesman said Wednesday that according to latest investigations, 2.6 per thousand soldiers in Vietnam were marijuana smokers.

Brig. Gen. Harley Moore said in a recent interview that 524 soldiers had been arrested for smoking marijuana in Vietnam this year. He believed that several thousand soldiers enjoyed the drug regularly.

Unlike Steinbeck, he considered the effect of marijuana on a soldier's combat ability to be very serious. But he believed the drug problem in the army was no greater than among civilian youth of the same age group.

## U.S. Planes Fly 150 Sorties Over North Vietnam

SAIGON, Dec. 28, (AFP)—U.S. planes struck North Vietnam with 150 missions Tuesday, the highest number flown against the country in a month.

The main thrust of the attack by air force, navy and marine fighter-bombers was against communications targets and road and water convoys in the southern part of North Vietnam.

The planes destroyed five road bridges and attacked a naval yard northwest of Hanoi.

American pilots struck a number of convoys which had started for the south during the temporary Christmas ceasefire.

## Nuclear Consortium Being Planned

PARIS, Dec. 28 (AP)—Agreement in principle has been reached on formation of a European-American consortium to use nuclear explosions for civil ends, the French news agency said Wednesday night.

The consortium, to be comprised of one American and four European countries, will use nuclear devices for the exploitation of petroleum and natural gases in Africa and the Middle East, the agency said.

The American company, which will hold a 50 per cent interest in the group, is said to be El Paso Natural Gas Company, which earlier this month used a 26 kiloton charge to create an underground natural gas pocket in New Mexico.

## New Suspect Strongly Denies Garrison's Plot Accusations

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28, (AP)—Edgar Eugene Bradley surrendered Wednesday on a figurative warrant, denying strongly New Orleans attorney general charges that he conspired to kill President John F. Kennedy.

"I know I'm not guilty of any crime," Bradley said after his surrender. "God knows I'm not guilty. That's the important thing."

Municipal Judge David J. Ainsworth ordered Bradley released on his own recognisance and granted a 30-day continuance during which Louisiana could initiate the extradition that Bradley's attorney says he will fight.

Bradley, 49, of North Hollywood is charged by New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison in connection with what Garrison has called a right-wing plot to assassinate Kennedy.

He has denied any prior knowledge that Kennedy would be killed, saying he was on a bus from Oklahoma to El Paso, Texas, when the assassination occurred.

Bradley told newsmen he first

learned of Garrison's accusation when his 19-year-old brother received a phone call from a newspaper reporter. He said he thought it was a crank call but later learned he had been charged in connection with the assassination.

Accompanied by his attorney, George Jensen, Bradley surrendered at the office of Los Angeles County Sheriff Peter Patches on a fugitive warrant obtained by Garrison in New Orleans.

"I will fight extradition tooth and nail," Jensen said. "I will not let him go to Louisiana."

The final decision on whether Bradley will be extradited lies with California Governor Ronald Reagan.

Bradley is West Coast representative of Dr. Carl McIntire, of Collingswood, New Jersey, president of the American Council of Churches and an Evangelistic radio broadcaster from New Jersey.

Garrison has said that Bradley worked in 1964 in a movement to get presidential support in California for FBI director J. Edgar Hoover.

## Prospects For Constantine's Return Decline

ATHENS, Dec. 28 (Reuters)—Prospects of an early return to his throne of Greece's exiled King Constantine receded yesterday with the appointment of an official household for the newly-appointed Greek regent.

A law published in the official gazette provided for an elaborate household, embracing six departments and an administrative staff, for Lt. Gen. George Zoiakakis, sworn in as regent by the military-backed government.

Gen. Zoiakakis is acting on behalf of King Constantine, who fled to Rome on December 14 following his failure to topple the regime with an attempted coup.

The law, signed by Gen. Zoiakakis and members of the government, said the household would help the regent fulfil his official duties.

It provided for political, military, protocol, public relations legal

and security departments as well as administrative staff.

Observers here said the move seemed to indicate that the government did not expect an early return to Athens by King Constantine.

Another apparent sign that the king's return was not imminent came with the departure Wednesday for the north of Prime Minister George Papadopoulos and Deputy Prime Minister Stylianos Patakos.

The two leaders went to Greek Thrace to inspect units of the armed forces and visit a number of towns and villages in the area.

The law setting up the regent's household said personnel from various civil services and other state institutions would be assigned to it by the prime minister.

The government also published a law yesterday interpreting the amnesty for political prisoners announced by Papadopoulos last Saturday.

The prime minister had said that "communist criminals of the past, and bomb throwers after April 21," would be excluded from the amnesty.

According to the law, all political prisoners held on charges of subversive activities under a 20-year old decree passed to overcome the communist uprising of 1947, will be given amnesty.

Informed observers said this meant that within the next day or two about 300 political offenders, including Greek composer Mikis Theodorakis, should be freed.

The position of the 2,500 people detained on the islands of Leros and Yaros remained obscure, however.

They have never been charged with any offence, but have been detained for refusing to sign statements pledging loyalty to the government and promising not to indulge in politics.

## Heart Transplant Planned For Cape Town Dentist

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 23, (AFP)—Mrs. Eileen Blaiberg, wife of retired dentist Dr. Philip Blaiberg, confirmed that her husband would be undergoing a heart transplant operation "as soon as possible."

Mrs. Blaiberg said Tuesday that Prof. Christian Barnard, the Cape Town surgeon who did the first heart transplant operation on Louis Washkansky, had approached her husband before he was admitted to Groote Schuur Hospital, two weeks ago.

Barnard told him about the possibility of a heart transplant, and he was agreeable to it "from the world go".

Her husband, she said, had given up his practice as a dentist about nine months ago, at 58, when his heart had "given in completely."

"He had his first attack about 14 years ago, but it is only recently that his heart became so bad."

"We hope that the operation will be within the next few weeks. As far as we are concerned, the sooner it is done the better."

Prof. Barnard announced a few days ago in the United States that he would perform the operation on Blairberg in the near future.

Washkansky died last weekend 19 days after his operation.

Meanwhile, Jonathan Van Wyk, the 10-year-old Negro boy who received a kidney from Denise Darvall, donor also of the heart transplanted into Washkansky, was progressing "very well," a Karl Bremer Hospital spokesman said yesterday.

## U.S., Turkey Form New Defence Pact

ANKARA, Dec. 28 (AFP)—Foreign Minister Ihsan Sabri Caglayan said Tuesday night that Ankara and Washington had reached agreement on the basic principles of a joint defence policy.

The new accord, which takes into consideration the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, follows a review of previous Turkish-American bilateral agreements.

Caglayan said the basic principles were:

1. New agreements will not involve new promises by Turkey, and they will be based on the mutual observance of national sovereignty and equality of rights.
2. Common defence installations on Turkish territory are Turkish property, and their existence and use depend on the agreement of the Turkish government.

## N.Y. Urged To End Greenwich Village Madness

NEW YORK, Dec. 28, (Reuters)—A judge, acting on complaints filed by six landlords, has told city authorities to take action to end what he called "the madness and unhealthy situation" in Greenwich Village, New York's bohemian quarter and hippie haven.

Agreeing with the six petitioners in the state supreme court, Judge Charles Tierney Tuesday ordered city officials "by any and all lawfully prescribed means at their disposal" to enforce existing laws designed to regulate commercial establishments and individual behaviour.

The landlords brought their suit against Mayor John Lindsay, Police Commissioner Howard Leary and Licence Commissioner Joel Tyler.

It mentioned obscene acts seen in Washington Square park, a hippie meeting place in warm weather and violations by coffee houses on MacDougal Street, the hub of village life.

Such conditions should be construed as "offensive to general welfare," Judge Tierney declared.

Fifteen of the landlords' complaints dealt with coffee houses on MacDougal Street which were alleged to have used pavement touts to lure customers inside, allowed excessive noise, and stayed open after the legal closing time.





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### Food For Thought

Without music life would be a

mistake.

—Friedrich Nietzsche

## STATE PROPERTY

One of the major administrative fields which needs badly reforms is state property. The two main aspects of this problem relate to the movable and the immovable property of the state.

The question is whether we are putting them to their best use? The answer in most cases is in the negative. Some of the public buildings which can be converted into museums, art galleries, hotels and guest houses are in a ramshackle condition. They're ill-maintained and are in urgent need of repair. Parks look neglected and make poor places for recreation.

One example that can be sighted in this connection is the Tapa garden in Paghman. A few years ago it was handed over by His Majesty to the public. It was an exemplary park then with beautiful lawns and well-nursed flowers. Not only nothing has been added to it during the ensuing years but the whole facial appearance of this garden looks withered and neglected.

The same is true of some of the buildings both in Paghman and in the capital city, which could have been turned famous hotels and guest houses had they been given proper attention in the way of maintenance.

The safeguarding of such places should be considered a national duty and the municipal organisations should be strictly advised to take more rigorous steps towards their maintenance and rehabilitation.

As time goes by the immovable state property increases. More buildings, parks, bridges, factories and dams are being built. Two points are worth mentioning as regards the newly acquired state property. The first concerns the contractors. Some corruption in connection with building of state property has been involved. Inferior quality material has been used in some cases in gross violation of specifications.

A strong, capable, honest and dedicated team of architectural supervisors is required to check against repetition of malfeasance in the future. There is also need for setting up well defined standards for constructional materials and workmanship. We must build not only for utility but also for history.

The other point that needs to be mentioned concerns maintenance. Even an old and dilapidated building will look attractive if it is properly maintained. It is in this field that minor consideration can play dividends. An example is the paving of a few yards in front of a building which would link it to a main paved highway. This may involve minor expenditure, but will certainly prevent a lot of problems such as removing dirt and filth from the building's interior.

No standards can be set in this field. The personal interest of chief executives can go a long way. Considerations regarding movable state property deserve a separate editorial which will be dealt with in the future.

## Libyan Nationalism Becomes More Vigorous

By Collin Jackson

Libya is one of the world's success stories. Ten years ago it was one of the poorest nations. The average income per person was about five shillings a week. Ironically, the principal export was Esparto grass for making banknotes for wealthy countries. Today, with a population of only one and a half million, the Libyan Government has a revenue from oil amounting to more than A£70 million per annum.

It is estimated that even if no further oil strikes are made and even if oil prices do not rise, the Libyan national income will increase by £40 million annually for the next five years. The latest oil discovery in Libya is the largest ever registered and Kuwait is reported to be envious.

With wealth like this, naturally Libya attracts jealous feelings not only from rival oil kingdoms in the Middle East but also from its neighbours.

During the 30 years when Libya was ruled by the Italians, little progress was made in governmental or educational training. It was only when the British took over and after the war administered Libya's affairs until 1951 that any kind of sustainable modern administrative fabric began to emerge. Even so, the United Arab Republic has consistently supplied many of Libya's teachers.

The Arab-Israel war challenged the existence of this large and mainly desert kingdom in an unprecedented way—in the week of the actual fighting the Libyan Government virtually ceased to function.

Idris I, known to his people as a holy man, and the stern fighter for the freedom of the Senussi from the Italians, is today well into his seventies. He lives a simple and rather isolated life in a villa at the eastern tip of his own country in Tobruk. There is always a small element of the British Army stationed nearby as Idris has trusted these soldiers ever since the desert war.

Increasingly of late Idris talked

of abdicating. He discussed various versions of a republic with a rotating president. He seemed to be preparing for the next world. But the Middle East war brought him back with a bang into the 1960s.

Wielding a verbal club, he struck both terror and confidence into the tottering Libyan administration. He dismissed the discredited government and on August 1 appointed a new administration of all talents under a new prime minister, recently the country was calm and I was assured by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, that Libya both could and would maintain its independence.

There still, however, remains the question: after Idris, who? There stands out no single political figure who could take over in Nasser style. So the answer is likely to be a compromise, with the nation running a monarchy under the leadership of Idris's nephew, Crown Prince Al-Hassan Rida. He has the advantage unlike his uncle, of having connections with the western part of the nation. He is married to a Tripolitan girl and lives in Tripoli. He lacks, however, the steely character of Idris and of course the association with the fight for independence.

However, the Crown Prince will be helped by a new mood of nationalism now developing in Libya. As one Libyan minister said to me: "Our duty is to the people of Libya".

The nation when it was poverty stricken could consider joining either Egypt or Tunisia; after all it could not get poorer. Now, however, from wealthy merchant to Arab labouring people in the desert earning £25 per week, everyone has something to lose.

Even so, a lot of wealth of Libya is dissipated in corruption and poor still exist. The petroleum workers have been a focus of hostility to the present regime.

In retaliation, the administration has dealt with some of their leaders

harshly, some of them for example, a young man formerly educated in Britain and America, was deprived of his citizenship and sentenced to four years' imprisonment. The fundamental division in Libya today, which threatens its stable future, is the gap between the elderly and often feudal elite and the growing educated middle-class generation based on the towns.

Libya in foreign policy has often been confused because of its geography. Its neighbours to the west insist that the kingdom is part of the Maghreb and should therefore base its policy on an alliance with Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria. Cairo and Damascus say that Libya must look eastwards.

In Middle East Terms, Libya tends to side with the conservative and traditional forces. Relations between King Idris and his royal partners in Saudi Arabia and Jordan have always been cordial.

But President Bourguiba of Tunisia is regarded as too cautious and not feel obliged to go along with the Tunisian President's endorsement of the American role in Vietnam. Friendship with Britain survived the six-day war.

After the initial period of chaos, when anti-British demonstrations took place, senior officers in the army and police quickly ensured that British personnel and property were protected.

There is now a strong possibility of substantial defence contracts being secured by the United Kingdom Libyans outside, as well as inside government circles have a long standing respect for their British connections because of the Eight Army's record in driving the Italian conquerors out.

The French engaged in rather clumsy attempts to sabotage British commercial relations. False rumours about the adequacy of Chadian tanks, for example, were circulated, yet the fact remains that Libya resists the blandishments of President de Gaulle.

(FWF)

## HOME PRESS AT A GLANCE

Anis has been inviting comments and opinions about the more efficient use of the Kandahar International Airport.

In this series yesterday's issue of the paper carried an article saying that the Kandahar International Airport was originally built to cater not only to domestic but also international flights.

Although several years have passed since the completion of the airport which is equipped with hangars and aircraft repair facilities as well as modern navigational equipment, it is not fulfilling the function it was intended for.

The article said it was necessary for projects such as the Kandahar airport, to self liquidating.

As part of our economic infrastructure it should be returning dividends and economic benefits. The author of the article, however, confessed his own incompetence to forward ideas or suggestions as to how the airport should be revitalised. But he called upon those who consider themselves experts in aviation, airport management and air transportation techniques to forward suggestions for air authorities to consider.

In another article Ghulam Ali Ayce urges minimum wages for workers. Advanced countries he said have made arrangements to safeguard the interests of workers.

While he acknowledges that ideally the government should not interfere in the labour-management affairs in practice such interference is necessary. Workers have long been exploited by employers and industrial magnates and Afghanistan as a developing country, can not remain indifferent to this problem, which if unattended it will acquire serious dimensions in the future.

Giving a case in point the author mentioned the Gulbahar textile mills which pays its employees as little as Af. 12 per day.

The textile company can get away with this, the author says. Because the number of unemployed in the Gulbahar area is very high so that an unemployed person would rather work for Af. 12 than not

work at all.

Secondly there aren't any regulations concerning minimum wage. This is something which should be introduced in the interest of Afghan workers, the author stressed.

Yesterday Anis also praised Mrs. Carola Bruckner, a West German journalist, for having published an

eight-page guide to Afghanistan for German tourists.

The editorial called on the Afghan Tourist Bureau and other responsible organisations to publish maps and guides for different parts of the country in order to provide greater facilities for foreign tourists.

## World Press

Fatima Nkrumah, wife of former Ghana President Kwame Nkrumah, denied she was divorcing her husband.

In an interview published in the newspaper *Al-Ahram*, she said "I have never asked for a divorce and I have no intention of doing so. I am used to these rumours that certain western press organs spread around from time to time".

Mrs. Nkrumah, who is Egyptian and who is now living in Cairo with her parents and two children, said that she receives a letter every week from her husband via the Guinean embassy in Cairo and she writes back to him through the same channels.

Nkrumah has been living in Guinea since he was ousted from power by a military coup in February 1966.

Klaus Bloehmer, foreign policy advisor to Bavarian Social Christian Party leader Franz-Josef Strauss, confirmed he was the author of the European Confederation Plan published in Tuesday issue of the French picture weekly *Paris-Match*.

Bloehmer said he had not shown the plan to either Strauss or Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger. Moreover, contrary to what *Paris-Match* alleged, no "high-ranking personage" had been involved in drawing up the plan.

Bloehmer said he had only "solidified" ideas outlined by Strauss in a recent article in the semi-official organ of the Christian Democrat Party, *Politische Meinung*. In the article, Strauss said the German

question could not be solved on national level but only in a European context.

The official Hanoi newspaper *Nhan Dan* said the army and civilians in North Vietnam were determined to "smash all war-escalation steps of the U.S. while continuing to build socialism more steadily and powerfully."

In an editorial quoted by the North Vietnam news agency the paper expressed warm support for President Ho Chi Minh's recent appeal to the North Vietnamese to score "new victories" in the war against the U.S. and its allies.

Commenting on the speech he made at a Hanoi meeting to mark the 23rd anniversary of the nationwide resistance against the French colonialists, the paper added:

"We are determined to reserve for South Vietnam our biggest support. While fighting against the U.S. war of destruction we will strive harder still to make the economic and defense potentials of North Vietnam stronger and steadier with each passing day."

There are "powerful pressures" at work in Australia to reduce that country's active role in the Pacific, *U.S. News and World Report* said. It added that no responsible politician was urging that Australia get out of the Vietnam war all at once.

But, to offset pressures for deescalation, the search was in for a successor who could maintain the course set by the late Prime Minister Harold Holt, the weekly news magazine reported.

## Indians Fear Linguistic, Political Violence

Many Indians fear for the future of their country as a result of the present wave of linguistic and political violence.

Linguistic riots flared in many parts of the country when the central parliament passed a bill ensuring that Hindi would not be imposed on those who wished to continue using English.

Angered by this apparent concession to an imperialist past, mobs in the Hindi-speaking heartland of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh and even in the cosmopolitan capital of Delhi, tried to wipe out all traces of English in public places.

Students in non Hindi-speaking Madras rioted against what they considered unwarranted concessions to the Hindi block. They aimed their attacks mainly at the railways, burning trains and stations.

The language riots—particularly in the Hindi-speaking areas—are related to the overall struggle for political power. The worst riots have been over the ousting of the communist-dominated United Front government in West Bengal.

Calcutta, the teeming West Bengal capital, has seen day after day of street battles between police and demonstrators. Nearly 11,000 people are officially reported to have been arrested in the city.

Two days ago, police opened fire on an angry mob that set a state

transport bus alight. Three people were wounded.

The industrial state of West Bengal exemplifies the political revolution achieved in last February's general elections, which ended the Congress Party's 20-year domination of state politics.

Coalition governments were formed by opposition parties in half of India's states, but with the exception of Madras where the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam won a safe majority, many of them have teetered on the brink of downfall. Many Congress governments returned with slender majorities in February are leading a similarly precarious life.

In Bengal, the coalition government led by Ajoy Mukherjee was dismissed by the state governor in November when it appeared to have lost its majority through defections.

The communists and their allies however have been able to muster well-organised labour and student unions in street protests, leading to the riots of the last few weeks.

The linguistic issue remains the crux of many problems facing Mrs. Indira Gandhi's government.

The opposition in the Hindi-speaking states have always based their appeal on sweeping away English as a language of government and making Hindi a truly national Indian language. They claim that the use

of English is a bar to advancement for many people of little or no education.

Many leading Indians feel that this conflict over the language will lead to the break up of the country as it exists today.

The Public Service Commission which recruits the national civil service will soon begin conducting examinations in all the 17 constitutionally recognised languages.

Many people fear that this will give rise to a new generation of non-English—or non-Hindi—speaking civil servants who will only be capable of serving in their home states.

One influential Indian with doubts about the government's language policy was former external affairs minister M.C. Chagla, who resigned over the issue.

"Chagla a one-time Chief Justice of Bombay, said he feared a situation in which people from different states would need an interpreter to speak to each other and legal codes, now in English, would become chaotic.

In Madras, where the Amil-speaking population have always been proficient in English and have for decades played a major part in the central administration, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam won the February election largely on its opposition to Hindi.

(REUTERS)

## New Rewards For Beachcombers

British Columbia boasts a special breed of beachcombers—men who use powerful specially-driven boats to salvage logs washed ashore or floating in the province's island-studded coastal waters.

There are 525 of these licensed beachcombers and in 1966 out of 10,000 million board feet of timber logged in British Columbia more than 57,000,000 board feet came from logs which they salvaged.

Salvage operations have been hampered by legislative restrictions and the fact that much of the beachwood is in areas difficult to reach.

A considerable degree to selection is necessary, too, because a large proportion of the driftwood is of unmarketable quality. As a result, the beachcombers have been fighting an uphill economic battle. Now that has changed.

Log shortages, however, have been developing in Canada under tight money conditions and following a long summer forest-fire season during which 200,000 acres (80,000 hectares) of timber were destroyed and logging operations curtailed for long periods.

British Columbia coastal log inventories are down about 26 per cent compared with 1966,

and log prices have moved between 10 and 17 per cent above prices in 1966.

A strike by 6,000 woodworkers in British Columbia's interior regions is expected to tighten log supplies even further. The stoppage of work is likely to be a long one.

All of this means more work for the beachcombers, and legislation has been adapted to make it easier for them to reap their rewards.

Previously, within a salvage area designated by licence, all marked logs had to be returned to the owners, that is, the companies which originally cut and stamped them. Unmarked logs, ownership of which could not be established, could be recovered but their market value was shared, on a pro rata basis, among the companies and the beachcombers.

Outside the salvage areas, marked logs could not be touched, even though the original owners might never attempt to recover them. It is estimated that some driftwood is more than 100 years old.

Under the new legislation, anyone may apply for exclusive rights to salvage logs on a given strip of coast. The area is advertised for a month to give owners

chance to recover their own logs, and after that the rest can be put up for public auction.

Several auctions have already been held, and the prices bid have been considerably higher than the value set on the logs by the government.

New machinery is being devised to enable beachcombers to take advantage of the new opportunities. One of the most sophisticated is a floating portable chipper capable of breaking down the salvage logs into raw material for pulp and squaring the timber for studs or planking.

The chipper will move round in suitable areas and the beachcombers will feed logs into it.

The floating portable chipper solves the three main problems of driftwood utilisation: it can handle large enough quantities to make the operation economically viable, it can extract quality sawmilling material, and it can dispose of the waste, such as bark, for fuel.

Driftwood recovery will also solve another problem. In some it will clear recreational beaches which are at present polluted by unsightly, rotting logs.

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## AFGHAN DIARY

By Kathleen Trautman

Martin Bauxbaum wrote: "Children—their world is so close I can touch it, and yet their world is a lifetime away." I would like to testify to this by offering a recent conversation between my smallest son and I one sunny day after school last week.

"Mom, what are you going to be when you grow up?"  
"What do you mean, what am I going to be when I grow up?"  
"I'm 35 years old!"  
(Long pause.)

"Then, why do you want to play croquet with me?"  
"Because I like croquet."  
"No you don't!"  
(I sighed.)

"I was only trying to be a good mother—to relate to you."  
"What for?"

"It's supposed to make you happy."  
"I think I'm happy."

"Yes, but you're only seven years old. When you grow up life gets all complicated. And sometimes kids say their mothers ruined their life!"  
(He looked at me horrified.)

"What would you want to do that for?"  
"Mothers never do it on purpose. It's just things can happen to a child!"  
(Suspiciously.)

"What kind of things?"  
"Oh, just things. If I don't give you enough discipline, they'll say I didn't love you enough, and if I'm not strict enough you'll be spoiled!"

"What's discipline mean?"  
"It's being strict!"  
"What's strict?"

"Well, it's ME telling YOU no everytime you want to do something!"  
"What's being strict?"

"What that will do to me?"  
"Oh, it could curb your natural urges. Leads to all kinds of problems!"

"What kind of urges?"  
"An urge is what you really want to do right this very minute!"

"Eat a peanut butter sandwich!"  
"Sounds good. I want one too!"  
(Suspicious pause. He picks up one foot and begins to hop around my chair.)

"Do you really want a peanut butter sandwich, mom, or are you just relating with me?"  
"I really want one."

"Peanut butter is fattening!"  
(Irritated.)  
"Okay, so I'll be a fat and jolly mother!"

"That would be terrible!"  
"Why?"

"Because you already have such a log nose!"  
(Indignant.)  
"I don't!" (Pause) "What's wrong with my nose?"

"I'm sorry. But, gee, mom, it's terrible long!"  
(Uncomfortable silence.)

"Mom why are you so worried about when I grow up?"  
"I'm not all that worried."

"Then why do you want to play croquet with me?"  
"I told you. I was only trying to be your friend. It's supposed to make you feel secure!"

"Am I supposed to be secure?"  
"It helps!"

"Do astronauts have to be secure?"  
"Very. Why do you always want to be an astronaut?"

"So I can go to the moon and see the monsters!"  
(Skeptically.)  
"What would you do if you saw a monster?"

"I'd be his friend!"  
"Why else do you want to be an astronaut?"

"So I can reach out and touch the stars!"  
(I lean over and give him a hug. He jumps back.)

"What did you do that for?"  
"Cause I love you!"  
(Embarassed silence.)  
"Can I go now?"

"I thought you wanted a peanut butter sandwich?"  
"Naw, I just said that!"  
(He walks over and hits my arm.)

"Momie, Why do you love me?"  
"Cause you're so nice!"

"Then why do you holler at me some times?"  
"I don't holler at you. And if I do it's only because I love you!"

"Daddy says its because it makes you feel better!"  
"What did daddy say!"

"Never mind. Never mind!"  
Small boy with tousled red hair hurtles out the front door and slams it.)

"Don't slam that door!" (I gulp. I am hollering.)  
(Outside my window I hear a small voice talking to his older brother.)

"Be careful when you go in there!"  
"What for?"

"She's worrying about being a mother!"  
"Aw, she likes to worry!"  
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## Tid-Bits



"Hey, Dad, have you got a driver's licence?"

## Livemore, California

Martin Cain, 33, Stockton, tax consultant, got his six missing front teeth back for Christmas, but they aren't going to do him any good.

The teeth had been missing since an automobile accident in Oklahoma in June of 1965. They were found at the Livemore Veterans administration hospital where Cain was admitted because his hands and arms had felt numb since the accident.

Confusing? not really.

X-rays showed Cain's six-tooth front bridge lodged in his right lung. Cain, thought it had been lost in the accident.

Doctors recovered the bridge with a bronchoscope, a hollow metal tube inserted down Cain's throat and windpipe. Previous X-rays had not disclosed the bridge.

Doctors said they are making other tests in Cain's numbness and said they were going to extract all of his teeth and replace them with a denture.

**Moscow**

A Mongolian diplomat's wife gave birth to a 7.5 pound (3.4 kilo) baby girl on Christmas eve—in a jet airliner 36,000 feet (11,000 metres) over Siberia.

Both mother and child were reported to be doing well in a Moscow maternity hospital and the parents said the baby would probably be named Valentina, after Soviet spacewoman Valentina Tereshkova.

The emergency came as the Air India plane, on a flight from New Delhi to London, was over Aktyubinsk, in Siberia.

The mother, Mrs. Selenge Purev, was assisted in the birth by Dr. Prakash Agrawal, an Indian passenger, a British nurse named as I. Duben, and two Indian air hostesses.

Mrs. Purev's husband, an official in the Mongolian embassy in

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—Not to criticise the President unless he should in some way criticise Congress.

—Not to advocate raising taxes unless that is the responsible thing to do.

—To quit talking about cutting the budget as soon as it stops growing.

—To be careful to hedge next year's new year resolutions, I really feel exposed on these.

**Caracas, Venezuela**

Caracas residents are expected to consume a record average of nine bottles of whisky each day during the current Christmas and New Year festivities.

Whisky sales have already reached an all-time high of 23 million bottles this month, according to the Venezuelan Barmen's Association, and 18 million of the bottles have been sold in the Caracas area.

**San Francisco**

A nude 19-year old swordsman was shot to death by police officers after going berserk in a quiet residential area here Wednesday.

Daniel Brown swung a cavalry sabre at two policemen before they emerged from their patrol car and poked the weapon inside the window of a police lieutenant's car.

He was shot down and killed when he did not obey police commands to drop the sword.

One police officer was slightly injured by a sabre slash and another was wounded by a bullet fired by one of his colleagues.

**Glac Bay, Nova Scotia**

Residents of this Cape Breton community are looking for a way to dispose of an unexpected Christmas present—15 dead whales.

**New Delhi, India**

New Delhi, was waiting at Moscow airport when the jetliner touched down for a stopover.

**Wichita, Kansas**

While sinking to the bottom of the Arkansas river in his car Saturday, Nicholas J. Bentley could think only of saving his weekly paycheck.

His car had skidded on ice and plied into the river.

"The car was on the bottom. Maybe it sounds crazy now, but I kept trying to get the glove compartment open to get my paycheck, but it wouldn't open", he said later.

Bentley, 20, said he couldn't open the front door, "then I got into the back seat somehow and finally got the back door open". He swam to shore.

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They swam into the harbour on Christmas eve and became stuck in small water. They killed themselves on rocks trying to reach deeper water.

The whales are now being washed up along the shoreline.

**Mexico City**

Housewife Dolores Rivera de Badillo has been given an unexpected Christmas present—free telephone service for two years.

She received the one millionth phone to be installed in Mexico city and when Mexican President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz called her to congratulate her. He wished her a happy Christmas and said he had asked the phone company for the free service to mark the occasion.

**Nevers, France**

Firemen revived a 15-year-old girl with the kiss of life here Saturday after she had been electrocuted while decorating a Christmas tree with fairy lights.

**Gaghad**

Two Soviet archaeologists have joined an Iraqi team excavating near Samarra, 37 miles (60 km) east of here.

Last year the Iraqi team discovered in the area the remains of several buildings believed to be temples dating back to 3,000 years B.C.

**French, Italian, British and West German teams have also excavated in Iraq over the last 25 years.**

**Tokyo**

Lady's western-style wigs are in growing demand here.

In five years Japanese-made wigs have captured a large share of \$2 million, informed trade sources said Saturday. In 1965 wig exports topped about \$6.6 million.

**Los Angeles**

The opening of a film dealing with interracial marriage had a second feature of seven American Nazi party picketers being beaten by a crowd of some 50 angry young men.

The uniformed Nazis carried signs saying "race-mix movies are Jewish" and "black and white together make a scummy (sic) sick party" as they marched Friday night in front of a theatre showing "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?"

The jeering crowd knocked the marchers into the street, bloodying some of them. No arrests were made and the picketers sped off in a station wagon.

**Hemel Hempstead, England**

Eight schoolboys here Saturday claimed a new world record for bouncing.

They bounced a basketball around their school gym for 70 hours, claiming this beat the old world record by 18 hours.

The stunt raised 70 pounds (168 dollars) toward purchase of medical equipment in honour

of a schoolfriend who died of pneumonia last week. He wanted to study medicine.

The boys, all 13 to 14 years old, were fortified by soup, coffee, canned food and pop music during the bounce marathon.

**Sydney**

Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin and British round-the-world solo woman flier Sheila Scott will be invited to compete in a 50,000 Australian dollar (23,330 sterling) Pacific air race next October.

To race, from San Francisco to Port Macquarie, New South Wales, is being organised by the Hastings district flying club as part of the celebrations for Port Macquarie's Sesqui-Centenary (150th) next January. Port Macquarie is 260 miles (416 kms) north of here.

The organisers said yesterday that they expected competitors in single and twin-engined light aircraft to present the United States, the Soviet Union, France, Britain, Italy, Switzerland and Australia.

**Cincinnati, Ohio**

About 100 police armed with shotguns and tear gas quelled a two-hour disturbance at the Hamilton County jail here last night.

There were no injuries.

The disturbance began as the 279 prisoners were being returned to their cells from recreation. The master mechanism which locks individual cells failed to work, and the prisoners became rowdy.

**Los Angeles, California**

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**You just come down and show me your licence!**

**London**

Raiders took advantage of the Christmas holiday to snatch 30,000 sterling worth of gold rings from a deserted jeweller here, police said.

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Policemen became shepherds Sunday to salvage Christmas nativity scene being staged on a church lawn.

A tethered lamb slipped away from the display at the first Church of God and was captured nine blocks away by police after a jaunt through a residential area, Niagara Falls.

A policeman yesterday survived a 200 foot fall through a conduit filled with raging ice-cold water here in a vain attempt to save a seven-year-old girl.

State policeman Kenneth Trold 27, escaped with scratches and a drenching after a rope secured on shore had failed to prevent him being swept into the current.

He said afterwards he braced himself against the conduit walls and managed to break his fall on concrete abutments 15 feet above the turbulent Niagara river where the conduit emerges.

The girl he was trying to save, seven-year-old Lynn Atchison, was drowned in the rapids just below the famous falls.

**Otutubaba, South Africa**

Six Africans—four men and two women—were killed when lightning struck a mission church near here.

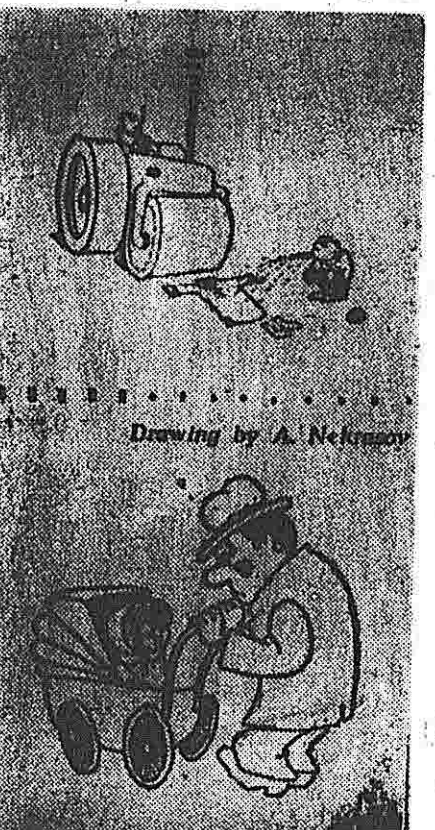
Six other Africans were taken to hospital and treated for shock.

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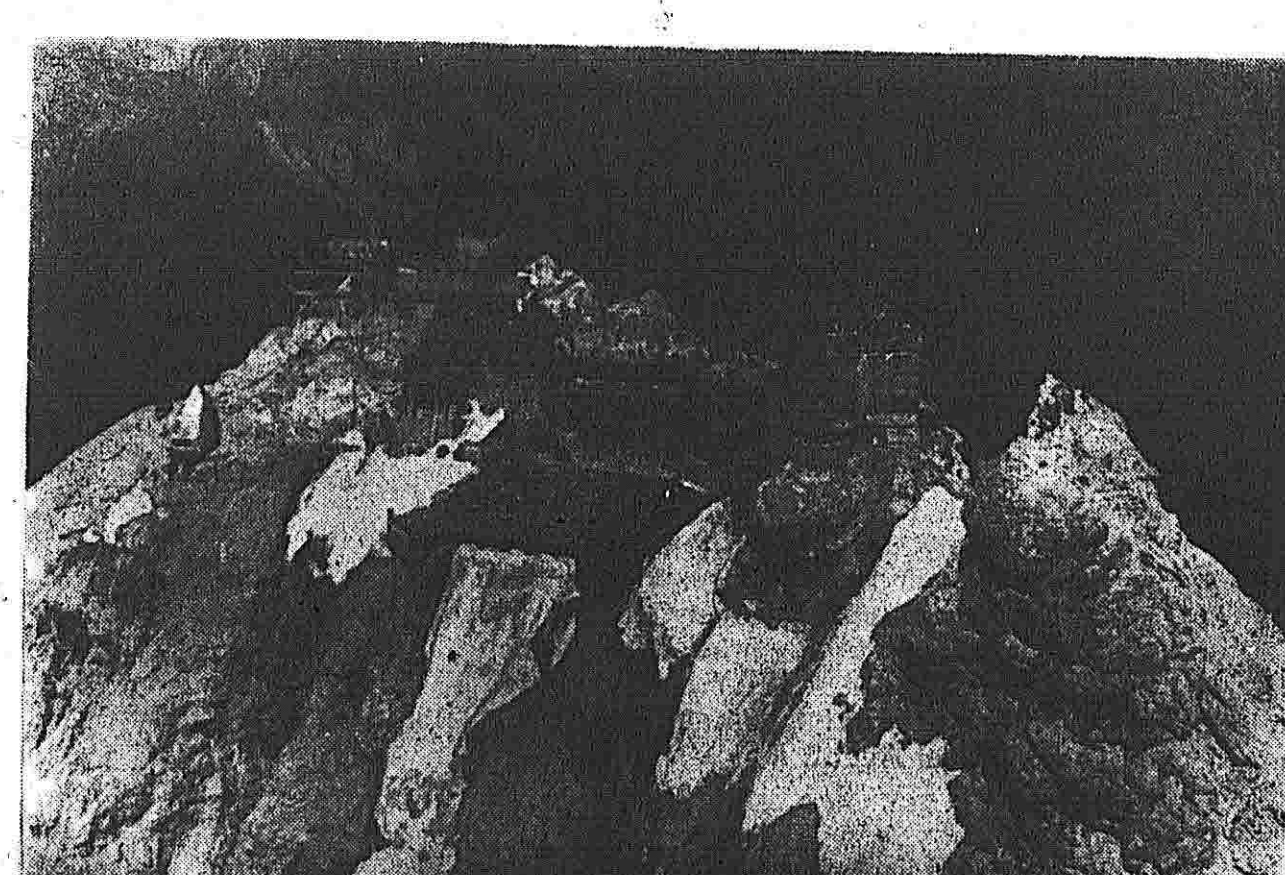
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Pa, you said something had broken down in the car, but all the parts are intact!



The summit of the Zugspitze now resembles a small town. Technology and mass tourism have conquered the highest mountain in the Federal Republic of Germany. Only the highest point (right on the photo) 2964 meters above sea-level with its trigonometric signals and crucifix, has remained untouched by this development and must still be reached on foot.

Directly behind it lies the mountain station of one of three funiculars. The summit restaurant (centre) can be used throughout the year. The meteorological observatory and (left), the pyramid-shaped station of the Max Planck Society can be seen in the background.

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"Yeah, but she thinks she's got to play croquet with us".  
 (A groan is heard.)  
 "Oh no. You set up the croquet stakes and I'll go in and give her a hug".  
 "What you gonna hug her for?"  
 "It makes her feel secure".  
 "Okay, but hurry. And don't let her talk you into playing croquet with us. She's such a lousy player you know".

## Home Briefs

JALALABAD, Dec. 28 (Bakhtar)—Three Chevrolets containing smuggled goods were seized on the Pakistani border by the police last night.  
 The car contained 26 bales of gold embroidered material, 42 bales of textiles and 210 dozen candles.

KABUL, Dec. 28 (Bakhtar)—Sarkhi Limited exported 26 tons of cotton to the Soviet Union in the past nine months earning \$384,988. Another consignment of 225 tons of cotton is awaiting export.

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuters)—Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth, had an operation today for the removal of a cyst from his right wrist.

The 47 year old prince went into hospital earlier in the day for an examination of the cyst by Henry Osmond-Clarke, the Queen's orthopaedic surgeon, who also performed the operation.

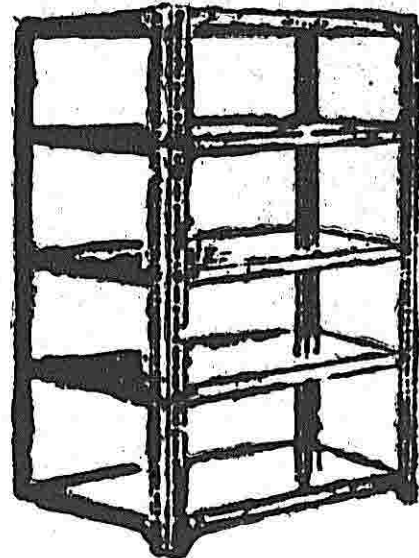
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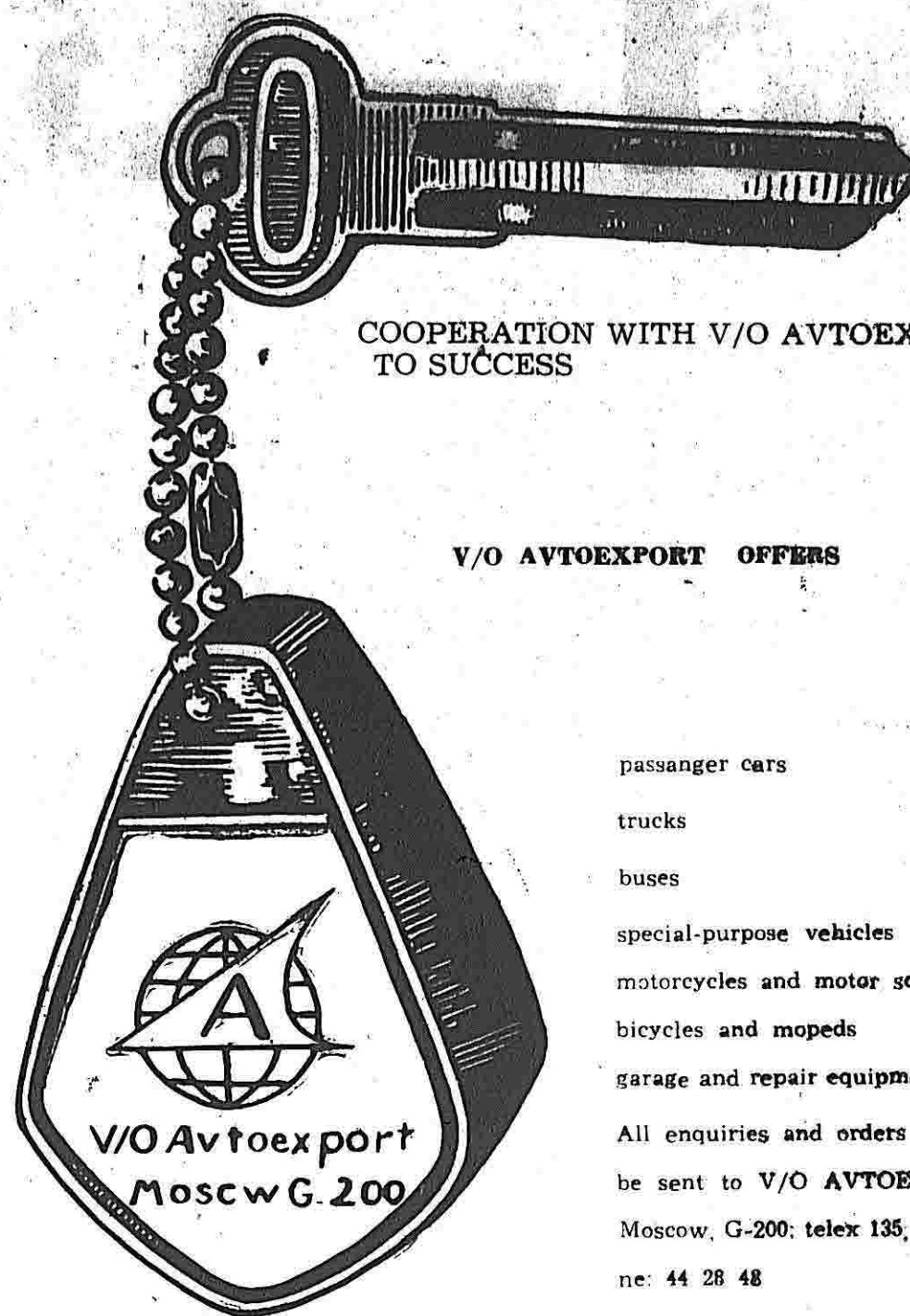
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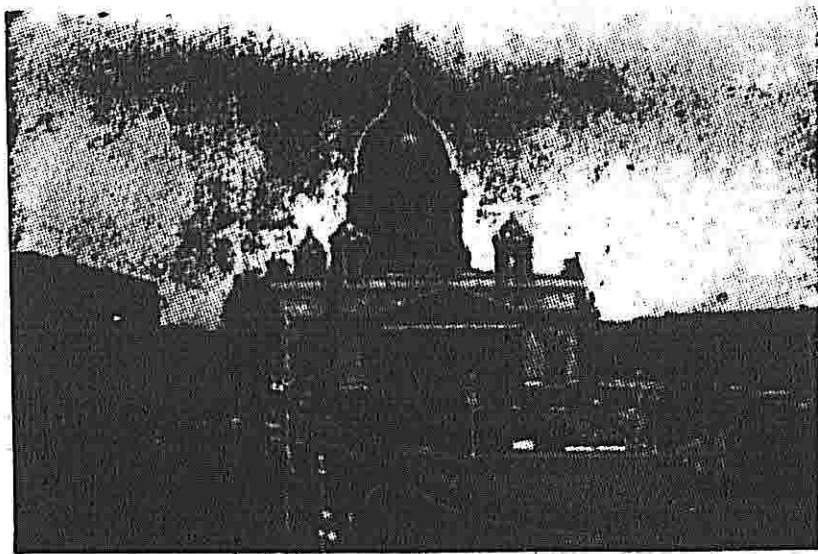
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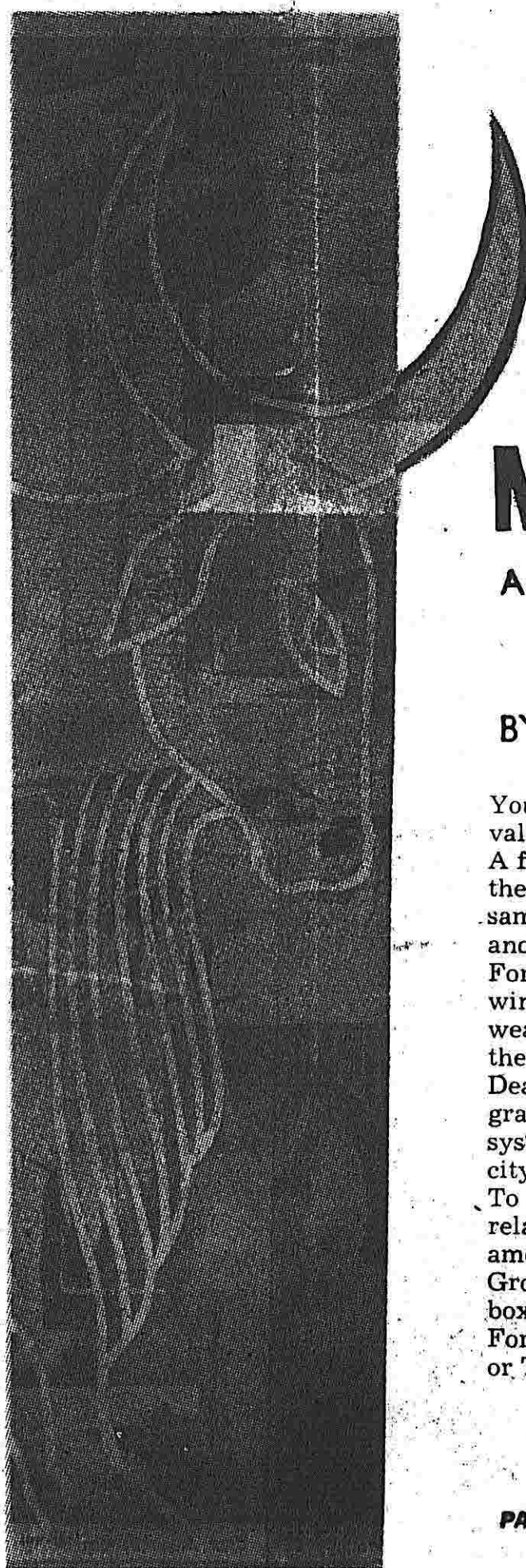
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